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Enclosed please a response to the outstanding office action, as well as a copy of the previously submitted election of invention. Inasmuch as the claims which were examined are not the claims which were elected, there seemed to be little sense in responding to the rejections. Please note that I tried to reach you by telephone earlier today, but your voice indicated you would be out of the office until August 19. Because the three month due date for responding is August 12 (August 10 is a Saturday), I submit this paper only to avoid payment of an extension fee. We apologize for not having responded to this sooner. If you have any question, please call me at (203) 366-3560.

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